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Preview of August 2012 SAME Presentation, entitled "78th Civil Engineer Group Program Review". This presentation will be given by Becky McCoy of the 778th Civil Engineering Squadron.

78th Civil Engineer Group Program Review

The 78th Civil Engineer Group (CEG) is one of three Groups under the 78th Air Base Wing (ABW) which is responsible for all support services and facilities on Robins AFB. Our mission is provide, operate, maintain, restore, and protect the Robins AFB infrastructure, facilities, housing and environment as necessary to support air and space forces, having global reach and power across the range of military operations.

The 78th CEG provides engineering and fire protection services, maintains real property, accomplishes alteration and new construction, protects and conserves natural resources, manages contract services, and maintains facilities, serving over 23,000 people on 6,935 acres at Robins AFB. The 78th CEG also manages military family privatized housing units, and dormitory rooms.



Becky McCoy the Director of the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron will be giving a presentation on the Robins AFB construction programs.

Almost Time for the Golf Tournament!

Want to get more involved with SAME? Enjoy coordinating events?

The Robins AFB SAME Post's annual Fall Golf Tournament is just around the corner and we are looking for volunteers and sponsors! Although Nelson Rosa and his team have done a splendid job in the years past, the torch will be passed to another great team in coordinating this popular event. Please contact a Board Member (contact information on page 5) if you and your team are interested in this position.

Presenter's Bio: **Becky McCoy**

Ms. Rebecca McCoy is the Director of the 778 Civil Engineer Squadron, 78 Civil Engineer Group, 78 Air Base Wing, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. She is responsible for engineering, design, programming, construction management, and project management for the Air Logistics Complex, 78 Air Base Wing, and Mission Partners at Robins Air Force Base.



Ms. McCoy began her engineering career in the private sector as a government contractor doing primarily restoration work. She joined the Civil Service in 1999. Ms. McCoy has managed environmental and engineering programs during her career. She has been a registered professional engineer since 2000 and is a past post President of the Society of American Military Engineers Robins Post.

SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month



Meet our Post's Alternate Senior Enlisted Advisor! SMSgt Andy Weeks is the Prime BEEF (PB) Civil Engineer Command, Superintendent assigned to HQ AFRC/A7XO, Robins AFB, Georgia. As the superintendent, SMSgt Weeks is accountable for overseeing training, deployments, and equipment requirements, for over 3500 personnel, in 38 different

units. SMSgt Weeks roles include, close supervision of all PB programs such as Unit Type Code (UTC) assignments, Document Statements (DOCs), Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployments, Deployment for Training (DFTs), equipment utilization buys/upgrades, and auxiliary training. SMSgt Weeks is a voting member on the Prime BEEF Contingency Training panel, the Deployment Review Board, and S-Team Working Group.

SMSgt Weeks is presently an Air Guard Reserve (AGR) serving a four year controlled tour with Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command (HQ AFRC/A7XO). SMSgt Weeks came to Robins AFB from the 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Missouri; where he was the Superintendent of the Pavement & Construction Equipment Section overseeing upgrade skill training, section safety, and Deployment for training (DFT) for over 6 personnel.

While assigned to the 442 Civil Engineer Squadron, SMSgt Weeks completed his Associate Degree, CCAF, in Construction Technology. During that time period, he was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He also volunteered as an Instructor/Mentor for the Field Experimental Readiness Laboratory (FERL) program at the United States Air Force Academy (USAF). Here, SMSgt Weeks taught 3rd year cadets with hands-on training on Heavy Equipment, such as a dump truck, dozer, scrapper, to name a few. For his outstanding work, SMSgt Weeks was selected twice for the "Instructor of the Year" award. He also volunteered to be an instructor for the USAF Academy Society of American Military Engineers' program for local High School students.



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **15 August 2012 at 11:30 am**. The meeting will be held at China Buffet on Russell Pkwy. All are welcome.

Upcoming Dates in 2012

15 August: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. Ms. Becky McCoy will present the 78 CEG Program Review. The meeting will be held at the China Buffet (605 Russell Pkwy 31088).

19 September: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. The Chief of the Houston County Emergency Management Office will be giving a presentation on Homeland Security. Location TBA.

October: The SAME Fall Golf Tournament will be held this month. Exact date TBA.

31 October: 0900 to 1500 Hours: SAME will be taking a tour of the nuclear facility at Plant Vogtle. Located in Waynesboro, GA, this will be an all day tour. Security measures need to be "squared away" in advance so please sign up early. See page 4 for more details.



The Robins SAME Post is now on Facebook!

Please visit us at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/SAME-Robins/249252775150214>, and don't forget to Like us so that you can receive the latest news from SAME!

Sustaining Member Spotlight: The ALS Association

The Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association is the only nationally affiliated not-for-profit health organization dedicated solely to ALS. The mission of the ALS Association is to find the cause of the disease and discover a cure through global, cutting edge research. The ALS Association empowers people with Lou Gehrig's Disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing compassionate care and support.

The ALS Association of Georgia

Since its founding in 1988, the ALS Association of Georgia has worked with ALS patients and their families to ensure the highest quality of life possible. Through the Patient Service Program, the ALS Association of Georgia offers many services for ALS patients and their families including one-on-one patient consultations, providing medical equipment, and providing training and support groups for their families. For more information, please visit: http://webga.alsa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GA_homepage. See below for an upcoming event sponsored by the ALS Association of Georgia.



The 2012 Atlanta Walk to Defeat ALS
Celebrating **TEN YEARS OF TRIUMPH**

Every year, thousands of people across the state of Georgia bring their determination, energy and passion to the Walk to Defeat ALS. This wonderful event is an opportunity to bring hope to ALS patients, raise awareness for the disease, and support the research and the work of The ALS Association on a local and national level. This special day empowers patients, friends, families, and the business community to stand together against this insidious disease. Be sure to join all the ALS supporters! The Walk is October 20 at the Georgia World Congress Center. To join or give a donation, go to www.walktodefateALS.org

SAME Mission

"To promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals."

SAME Vision

"To be a premier global engineering organization leading the professional and personal growth of all members in support of military readiness and development of solutions to national security challenges."

Post Announcements



MEETING LOCATION CHANGE FOR AUGUST MEETING: The general meeting for August has been moved to the China Buffet, located at 605 Russell Pkwy 31088. We will be meeting in the large conference room in the back of the restaurant. Lunch buffet costs less than \$10.

The SAME Executive Forum (21-22 Aug) offers executive-level SAME members an exclusive opportunity to discuss issues of shared interest with senior-level Department of Defense (DOD) leaders in a topic-specific roundtable format.



Please visit: http://www.same.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=373&Itemid=304 for more information.



Join us for the 2012 South Atlantic / South Central SAME Joint Engineer Training Symposium at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, FL will be held on 2-4 October. The symposium theme for 2012 is *"Net Zero Through Emerging Technologies"* with technical tracks focusing on Building Technologies, Energy Consumption, Water/ Wastewater Management, Infrastructure Technologies, Waste Management, and TISP.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1003806>

Thank You Cards from the Scholarship Winners

Each year the Post gives two \$2,500 scholarships to two local students that exemplify the desire and drive to pursue an engineering degree. This year, through a gracious donation from New South Construction and the Post matching half of the donation, our Post was able to give a \$1,500 scholarship as well. The three scholarship recipients have written thank you notes to the Post and two of the recipients have even attended meetings to say thank you in person. Congratulations again to these outstanding folks!

To Col. Vesport, Mr. Williams, and whom it may concern,

I was very honored to receive the 2012 SAME scholarship from the Robins Air Force Base; thank you again for deeming me worthy of such an award. The money I received will really assist me in achieving my educational goals. You've made an investment in my future, for which I'll always be grateful.

I look forward to attending the board meeting at 11:00 on June 20th (so long as that information is correct!) I'll actually be landing in Atlanta from Kenya on June 19th, so my mother will be bringing me directly from Atlanta to the middle Georgia area that night. If it's not too much trouble, please send directions to the board meeting location (from I-75 southbound) to Lisa Lacey: lacey@ellijay.com. I look forward to meeting you on the 20th!

thank you again,

D. S.

The Society of American Military Engineers,
Thank you so much for the scholarship that I received at the Warner Robins High School Awards Night. I really appreciate the contribution towards pursuing my engineering career. It will definitely be put to good use in helping cover the college expenses as I begin attendance at Georgia Tech in the Fall.
Much Thanks,
Morgan Meilinger

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June 9, 2012

Mr. Brett Williams
The Society of American Military Engineers
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Dear Mr. Williams and members of the SAME Robins AFB Post:

Thank you so much for awarding me the 2012 SAME Robins AFB Post Scholarship. I truly appreciate all the hard work that went into making your scholarship program such success. I am extremely honored to have received this award and look forward to representing the Robins' SAME this upcoming fall at Georgia Tech.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Tour to Plant Vogtle

The Post is planning a tour to visit the nuclear facility at Plant Vogtle set for 31 October. This will be an all day trip as we will be traveling to Waynesboro, GA (near Augusta) and security clearances need to be obtained prior to tour. Spots are very limited so if you are really interested in attending this tour, please contact the Post Secretary by 15 August so that plans can be made accordingly. If you have any questions about the tour, please contact a Board Member for more details.



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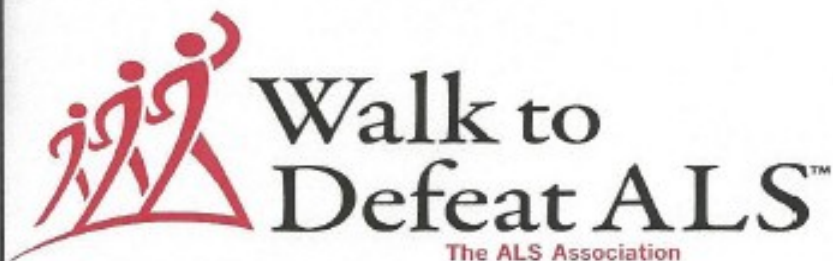
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Accepting Abstracts

We are currently accepting abstracts for presenters and Presentations in 2013. Let us know what presentation topics or presenters would most interest you. We want to know what is important to you. Please contact Mr. Ken Branton at kenneth_branton@urscorp.com with feedback or for more information.



Join us this October
as we celebrate
"Ten Years of Triumph"
at the 2012 Atlanta
Walk to Defeat ALS!!!



2012 ATLANTA WALK TO DEFEAT ALS 10th Anniversary Celebration!!!

Saturday, October 20, 2012

Georgia World Congress Center- International Plaza

Registration 8:30 AM, Opening Ceremony 10:00 AM,
Walk begins at 10:30 AM



For the past 10 years, thousands of Georgians have brought their determination, energy and passion to the Atlanta Walk to Defeat ALS. This wonderful event is an opportunity to bring hope to ALS patients, raise awareness for the disease, and support research and the work of The ALS Association on a local and national level. This special event empowers patients, friends, families, and the business community to stand together against this insidious disease. **We look forward to seeing you in October for our Ten Years of Triumph Celebration!!!**

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Your donations support cutting-edge research, patient education programs, counseling & support groups, multi-disciplinary ALS Clinics in Atlanta, Augusta & Macon, and a medical equipment loaner program. You can make a difference in the lives of our PALS (Patients with ALS).



2012 ATLANTA WALK SITE

Go to <http://web.alsa.org/2012Atlantawalk> for more details on this year's event like Announcements, Corporate Sponsors, Driving Directions, and more!

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